

solutions to health and engineering challenges, respectively. With her support, she has helped many students learn and find opportunities after high school. Her office is not only filled with her warmth but with pictures of former students, each one a life she has impacted and inspired. She is even known to have former students and families reach out for her guidance.

Counselors like Marla, provide so much for our students. Not only do they help with career and college choices, but they are often the ones who help students cope with serious and common challenges of growing up, including peer pressure, bullying, mental health issues, trauma, disciplinary problems, and more. Unfortunately, the average student-counselor-ratio is 430-to-1 nationally which is almost double the American School Counselor Association recommended ratio of 250-to-1. Our students deserve to have the support of school counselors, and school counselors deserve our support.

That is why I am proud to introduce a resolution to designate the week of February 1, 2021, through February 5, 2021, as National School Counseling Week. I ask that all Members join me in recognizing the extraordinary work and dedication our school counselors have done to better the lives of young students.

#### TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF JOHN E. MOORE, SR.

**HON. MICHAEL R. TURNER**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 1, 2021*

Mr. TURNER. Madam Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to the life and memory of John E. Moore, Sr., a distinguished community leader from my hometown of Dayton, Ohio, who passed away on January 7, 2021, four days before his 98th birthday.

John E. Moore, Sr. was a native of Birmingham, Alabama, whose family moved to Dayton, Ohio shortly after he was born. He graduated from Wilbur Wright High School in 1941. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and served in the 2261st Quartermaster Trucking Company in Bangladesh, during World War II. After the war, John earned a degree in business administration from the University of Dayton and went on to pursue graduate studies at Ohio State University.

He served for 35 years as a civilian employee at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. He was the first Equal Employment Opportunity officer at Wright-Patterson in 1960, and became the first African-American chief of civilian personnel in 1972.

In addition to serving our nation, John was involved with his church and his community his entire life. He gained a reputation as someone to go to when you needed something done. He had an active role in numerous civic organizations, including the Dayton Foundation, the Out-of-School Youth Task Force, Sinclair Community College's board of trustees, the Montgomery County Job Center, and was co-founder of Parity, Inc., which provides a mentoring program for urban middle school students that has helped many underserved young people gain the skills and self-confidence to become successful, productive adults.

John E. Moore's name can be found etched along the sidewalks on the Dayton Walk of Fame, among a small circle of distinguished citizens who have impacted our city for the better. In 2014, the Dayton International Peace Museum named John a Peace Hero, in recognition of his leadership in youth, education, health, and civil rights. His lifetime of public service set an example for all of us who work to serve our communities and our nation. I am honored to have known him as a friend.

On behalf of all those whose lives were touched by John's friendship and community service, I offer his family my heartfelt condolences.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 1, 2021*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I missed votes due to having been diagnosed with COVID-19. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 245; YEA on Roll Call No. 246; NAY on Roll Call No. 247; NAY on Roll Call No. 248; NAY on Roll Call No. 249; NAY on Roll Call No. 250; and NAY on Roll Call No. 251.

CONGRATULATING KAI SWANSON FOR WINNING THE "I HAVE A DREAM" AWARD FROM THE ROCK ISLAND MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. COMMUNITY CENTER

**HON. CHERI BUSTOS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 1, 2021*

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Kai Swanson for winning the "I Have a Dream" Award from the Rock Island Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center.

Kai is a Rock Island native who works as the Special Assistant to Augustana College's President. Kai gives so much of himself to help others, and it is truly inspiring. He has also received several awards for his service to the Rock Island community, such as a Rock Island Rotary community service award, the Habitat Hero award from Quad Cities Habitat for Humanity, the Professional Citizen of the Year (1998) from the City of Rock Island, and the Outstanding Community Service Award from the Metropolitan Community Church. Kai is currently serving on the Quad Cities Holocaust Remembrance Committee, is a member of the Rock Island NAACP and is a board member for the Doris and Victor Day Foundation. Apart from his duties on those boards, he is also a Visit Quad Cities board member and a Rock Island County board member. Additionally, Kai is president of the county Forest Preserve Commission. His commitment to his community is palpable and I commend him on his work to better the Rock Island community through lifting others and addressing problems head-on to affect change.

It is because of leaders such as Kai Swanson that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally recognize Kai

Swanson for receiving the "I Have a Dream" Award from the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center in Rock Island, Illinois.

#### CELEBRATING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF JOHN T. "MIKE" WOLF

**HON. DEREK KILMER**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 1, 2021*

Mr. KILMER. Madam Speaker, I would like to take a moment to commemorate the 100th birthday of one of my constituents, John T. "Mike" Wolf. In 2015, Mr. Wolf was awarded Congress' highest civilian award, the Congressional Gold Medal. He and three dozen American Fighter Aces were honored for their war contributions in World War II and subsequent wars.

The ceremony that took place in May 2015 was convened by Seattle's Museum of Flight and recognized the accomplishments of the 1,447 American Aces who achieved the elite designation. Six years ago, only 77 Aces were alive, and approximately 36 of them gathered in Washington, D.C. to receive the recognition in person.

As Mr. Wolf celebrates his 100th birthday on February 4th, I wanted to take a moment to bring distinction once again to his service and dedication to our country. The stories of the Fighter Aces cover some of the most formative periods in aviation history. Some gained their victories in open-cockpit biplanes, others in the powerful propeller-driven fighters of World War II, and still others in the jets that fought over Korea and Southeast Asia. Aces come from each major combat branch of the U.S. military and nearly every state in the union.

Wolf trained in a Boeing N-25-3 Shearman, then fought in a Grumman F6F-3 Hellcat and the Grumman F4F-3 Wildcat. He was a member of Fighter Squadron Two during World War II, whose roster included Lt. Cmdr. Butch O'Hare, namesake of Chicago's O'Hare International Airport; and Cmdr. Roy "Butch" Voris, who is the founder of the Blue Angels.

Recounting his experience Mr. Wolf recalled, "I was more scared of not being able to do the right thing. We had received six months of training. My fear was, can I analyze [the situation] and do the right thing?" He didn't get a lot of time to analyze the situation. An engagement might last the few seconds it took to get some shots off, or it could be longer. All told, Wolf downed seven Japanese fighter planes—three in one day, and five between June 11 and 19, 1944. He received the Distinguished Flying Cross and four Air Medals.

After the war, Wolf embarked on a career in life insurance to support his young family. The discipline of a Navy pilot came in handy because he didn't exactly enjoy selling life insurance. He would tell you, "I got good at it and stuck with it."

Today, we honor and celebrate John "Mike" Wolf—whose love for the Navy has never wavered and whose service to his country and community is greatly appreciated and will be long remembered.